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Disclosure Packet

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Title: Taskbar Player

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Dev Group: WMPG - Media Player

Summary: This invention presents a taskbar mode media player (Taskbar Player) which is tightly integrated with the taskbar shell to allow media player functionality as a background process. The controls for this player are essentially part of every application, enabling users to work within a task-based environment yet easily access digital media without needing to switch between applications or tasks. This invention possesses a number of advantages such as: when the position or the Taskbar (side, top, etc) is changed or properties of the taskbar are changed (auto hide) the Taskbar Player inherits this behavior; the Taskbar Player is guaranteed a minimum size for its UI which enables a much larger and more functional UI; and, the user is able to customize the position of the Taskbar Player on the Taskbar.

ROMP Classification:

1.3.2 - Media Player UI; 1.1.16 - Unified Shell; 4.2.4.2 - Customization;
4.2.4.3 - Unified Rendering

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- Date of Conception - [REDACTED]
- Reduced to Practice? - [REDACTED]
- Publicly Disclosed? - [REDACTED]

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Foreign Filing Desired? [REDACTED]

Countries of Interest: [REDACTED]

Publication? YES

Standards Related?

Prior/Related Art:

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